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Future given structure with Dysart Strategic Plan

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al's first ever Strategic Plan was presented by Strategy Corps employees and approved by members of council during their regular meeting on July 26.

It is considered a "living document" that promises to provide long-term guidance for some of Dysart's most pressing matters, which includes the lack of affordable housing, to both council and staff members.

A strategic plan is meant to act as a guide to help an organization with decision-making processes as well as inform the municipal budget and staff business plans. It provides staff and council members with an insight as to how their daily work is helping to achieve larger goals.

"Unsurprisingly, many of the issues and the key actions within this plan that will have the most meaningful impact on your community do not fall neatly into four year terms of council. These will require sustained planning, investment, commitment over time that will cut across multiple terms of council. Although I'm sure we'd all love to see housing, affordability, and supply addressed within four years, is that a reality? I'm not so sure. You're looking at a longer term, but there are real things that you can move the dial forward on in a four-year term of council," said Stacy Hushion, a consultant with Strategy Corps.

The document was created by Strategy Corps with significant input made by council and staff members through one-on-one interviews, workshops, and digi-

tal surveys.

"As consultants, it was really our role to facilitate the conversation, but every word, especially on this page, was drafted by all of you. One of the most powerful things is that we started with a mock-up of a vision that you refined over several sessions, so I think you can feel comfortable going into this that this is authentic to Dysart," Hushion said.

One of the key insights from the consultation process with staff and council members is Dysart has a beautiful, pristine natural environment, but it is evolving and growing, and the municipality must support and facilitate this growth while preserving a "small town feel." Another is municipal administration should continue to focus on technological improvements, and lastly, Dysart should seek and use resources from Haliburton County as well as other municipalities and community partners.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said, "This is quite exciting for Dysart to be at this stage in the strategic plan and it was something that this term of council was committed to doing as an outgoing thing, if you will. We all have the three and a half years of knowledge, some of us many more than that, on council that really helped, and the staff input was key to this plan, being a corporate plan."

Dysart's strategic plan has five pillars.

The first is Sustainable Growth and Environment. Some goals of this pillar are to protect and respect the environment and to ensure the municipality has enough appropriate housing to support the demand.

The second pillar is Infrastructure Planning and Investment with a goal to focus

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Summer event returns

The Rotary Homecoming Festival fell on Ellie Brandon's birthday, so she celebrated by spending time in the bouncy castles and getting her face painted. See more coverage on page 5. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Cash instead of Camaro

Brian Holden from Bowmanville, fourth from left, was the winner of the 2022 Haliburton Rotary Car Draw for a 2022 “Wild Cherry” Chevrolet Camaro LT Coupe. Holden decided to take the \$33,000 cash prize instead of the car and was joined by his family Lincoln Holden, from left, Kathryn Holden, Parker Holden, and Rotary members John Beachli, who sold the winning ticket, Ted Brandon, and David Zilstra on Aug. 8 at Curry Chevrolet in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Council collaboration at heart of plan

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on renewing and expanding existing infrastructure. The third is Economic Development and Prosperity with goals to renew the downtown core, expand access to broadband services, and continue to support arts and culture. The fourth is Governance and Operational Excellence with goals to enhance customer service experiences and implement contemporary municipal processes and services. The final pillar is A Vibrant Community with Great Services meant to strengthen community engagement and support an age-friendly, safe, and active community. John Matheson, principal at Strategy Corps, said, “It is a really important thing to have completed a strategic plan, as much at the end of a term of council as at the start of a term of council. It’s a big stock-taking of things that are real ... As we all know, there’s so much that we would do if resources were unlimited and jurisdiction was infinite and this kind of thing. It’s so important that

we ground our work in things that are doable.” Hushion said that in order for the plan to be successful, it must be linked to master plans, asset management plans, and other key documents within the municipality to ensure the document won’t “sit on a shelf.” At the end of the presentation, council members were pleased with the final plan. Roberts said, “When I read the plan, I really feel like this captured everything that was said. There was great collaboration with council, which was really nice to see, really creative thinking ... It’s really satisfying to see all of the workshops and then to see the final document. This is meant to be something that you are constantly looking at, reflecting on, tweaking, going forward, and hopefully in four years from now, our future council says, ‘Let’s review that and see where we’re at,’ and they will have a building block of that first plan.” Ward 2 Councillor Larry Clarke asked Hushion and Matheson if it would be beneficial to update the plan on a regular basis. Matheson said a regular review of the Strategic Plan

every two years is common for municipalities, but it shouldn’t be changed too often to avoid frequent revisions. Ward 4 Councillor John Smith said, “I really believe that this is a solid start here. This is something that Dysart hasn’t had before, and, so, I say, congratulations to the mayor for making sure we got this done before the end of our term. It’s only going to be useful if we try and build on this. Although there’s a number of metrics identified here, really as part of each year’s operating plan or budget process, it’s going to be setting the goals associated with those metrics ... that’s the critical thing for me in terms of next steps, and so this plan can serve as a framework to do those things for literally years to come, and it can be revisited two or three years from now.” Dysart et al’s Strategic Plan can be read here at dysartet.al.civicweb.net/document/403550/Dysart%20et%20al%20-%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf?handle=0EB4551E7BFC4FDAA63ECEB1AFB4D05F.

COVID–19 outbreak declared at Hyland Crest

On Aug. 6, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit declared a COVID-19 outbreak at the Hyland Crest Long-Term Care’s upper level. The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) was notified of the outbreak. There are currently three confirmed patient cases associated with the outbreak. As a result of the outbreak, seven Hyland Crest residents have been isolated. Both levels of the home are now closed to any further admissions and general visitors. All outings will be cancelled unless it is for a medical appointment and volunteers continue to be restricted from entering the home at this time. Essential caregivers may continue to visit. HHHS will continue to maintain important Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures, including mandatory masking in all resident care areas, mandatory vaccination, regular surveillance testing, active screening before entry into all facilities, and enhanced cleaning at Hyland Crest long-term care facility. Services in the Minden Hospital remain unaffected by this outbreak and community members in need of care should not hesitate to seek assistance.

| New Lab Confirmed Cases Reported Today | | | | | | | Current Outbreaks of COVID-19 (high-risk settings) | |
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| 7 | 61 | 50 | 120 * | | | | 11 | |
| Haliburton | Kawartha Lakes | Northumberland | Total | | | | | |
| Note: *County of residence may be pending for some cases but are included in the overall Health Unit total; Lab confirmed cases include only those confirmed with a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test by an appropriate laboratory; Positive results from Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are NOT included in the number of cases of COVID-19 reported to or by the Health Unit. | | | | | | | | |
| COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022 | | | | | | | | |
| County | CSDNAME | Active cases (current) | Total 2022 cases | Rate | Non-outbreak cases (cumulative) | Outbreak cases (cumulative) | Hospitalizations (cumulative) | Deaths (cumulative) |
| ▲ Haliburton | Minden Hills | 0 | 102 | 1541.48 | 84 | 18 | 3 | 2 |
| Haliburton | Dysart et al | 6 | 197 | 2888.56 | 137 | 60 | 8 | 3 |
| Haliburton | Algonquin Highlands | 1 | 28 | 1106.28 | 28 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Haliburton | Highlands East | 0 | 52 | 1478.53 | 47 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Kawartha Lakes | Kawartha Lakes | 60 | 3021 | 3712.76 | 2,012 | 1,009 | 77 | 27 |
| Northumberland | Cramahe | 3 | 179 | 2772.19 | 161 | 18 | 8 | 2 |
| Northumberland | Alnwick/Haldimand | 6 | 246 | 3127.38 | 220 | 26 | 7 | 2 |
| Northumberland | Hamilton Township | 3 | 253 | 2065.47 | 224 | 29 | 6 | 0 |
| Northumberland | Brighton | 9 | 366 | 2892.14 | 324 | 42 | 15 | 3 |
| Northumberland | Port Hope | 18 | 433 | 2487.79 | 306 | 127 | 7 | 2 |
| Northumberland | Trent Hills | 3 | 555 | 4155.12 | 297 | 258 | 18 | 5 |
| Northumberland | Cobourg | 8 | 724 | 3551.46 | 451 | 273 | 21 | 3 |
| Total HKPRDHU | All Municipalities | 117 | 6156 | 3219.19 | 4,291 | 1,865 | 172 | 50 |
| Notes: Cases with an unknown or missing geography are excluded from the table above. Municipality (Statistics Canada's census subdivisions) is assigned by Postal Code, via Statistics Canada's Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF) using the single link indicator. A single postal code may physically exist within more than one municipality but is only assigned to one municipality through the PCCF file. The county of Kawartha Lakes is a single-upper tier municipality and does not contain lower-tier municipalities like Haliburton County and Northumberland County. | | | | | | | | |

Reported COVID cases

This COVID-19 Dashboard information is provided by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. The number of COVID-19 cases reported on this page includes only lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19, hospitalizations and ICU admissions due to COVID-19, and deaths related to COVID-19, occurring since Jan. 1, 2022 among residents who resided in the HKPRDHU region at the time they were identified as a case. This information is accurate as of Wednesday, Aug. 3. Updates are made every Wednesday.

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Wigamog owners plan to demolish site

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Owners of what was the former Wigamog Resort say they plan to demolish the site following their appeal for more time to comply with an order from the municipality to follow the Property Standards Bylaw to properly board windows and other openings of all structures.

During the Sign and Property Standards Committee Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 4, the appeal was modified to extend the Property Standards Order 60 more days while the owner of the property makes plans to properly demolish the site.

This order was issued by bylaw enforcement officer Rob Mascia on June 8 after multiple complaints were filed since 2019 about trespassers on the dilapidated, unsafe site.

The order was sent and returned by Canada Post as the Wigamog owners had not provided an updated address, so the order was sent by email almost a month later.

Owner Akash Aurora agreed to board up the property, but said more time was needed to do so. Staff could not issue an extension of the order, so Aurora submitted a Notice of Appeal explaining why he needed more time.

The Notice of Appeal was submitted late as it was received by the municipality on July 21 and the deadline was June 27.

Aurora said, "When I got the order on the 21 of July from Rob, I looked at it, it seemed pretty straight-forward and was something we had already done before, [and there was concern] that trespassers would just rip off the boards and create more mess. What we have organized within the last week and a half [is] all of the material that would be needed. We just need more time to complete it, however, my construction manager was actually at the property, and I had the chance to overview it myself. We also spoke to neighbouring [property owners] to ask them how they think we can stop [vandalism] from happening in the future. One of the things we boarded up just gets ripped off again and it's an issue constantly."

He turned it over to his construction manager to share their plans.

The construction manager said the environment is also constantly changing, and it would be impossible to keep the site safe for a long period of time with boarding of windows alone.

"My advice for Akash would be to go there and flatten the land and prepare everything to have development that we are proposing to do instead of just patching the [buildings] ... The best course of action for me would be to start doing the proper work needed, which is demolition, applying for the permits for our new builds, and go from there," said the owner's construction manager.

"Demolishing would take more than a few weeks rather than boarding it, obviously there's an aspect of disposing, bringing in the heavy machinery, but I do also believe that this is a better take than just boarding it up," Aurora said.

The construction manager said that 30 days would be needed to get the proper construction quotes to decide on a company.

Mascia said he can look into a timeline for the issuing of a demolition permit.

"Something has to be done. That's my main concern. We can't control people trespassing and we also don't



The former Wigamog Inn on Wigamog Road has faced vandalism on multiple occasions leading to a property standards order issued by Dysart bylaw officers for owners to board all openings by July 29. The owners told the Dysart Sign and Property Standards Committee they plan to demolish the site instead. /DARREN LUM Staff

want the chance that someone's going to trespass on the property and hurt themselves. This has been abandoned for so long, so we want to make sure that public safety is number one here," he said.

Mascia said if they are not able to demolish the site within a reasonable timeline, they must uphold the property standards order to board openings.

Member of the Sign and Property Standards Committee Jerry Stokes said, "This is probably the most positive thing I've heard to come out of that site because it's really just putting band-aids on it by sticking plywood over the windows. I'm hoping that the owners of the Pinestone and the Wigamog are sincere that they want to remove this eyesore and not look for another extension where it will be tied into approved building process ... I want to make sure that we're looking at the removal of what's there as a separate item that is not tied into the approval of what may be built down the road."

Mayor of Dysart et al Andrea Roberts agreed and commented on the prolonged timeline for the lack of action regarding the property.

"I'm just rather frustrated that it has taken this long to come to this decision, that it had to come to an appeal. This has been going on since 2019, and even at that time it was determined by many people that the buildings were beyond repair," she said.

Roberts said if she lived in that area, she would be concerned about her own property value.

"That is on one of our premier lakes, and it's really an eyesore to Dysart. I would like to know through whatever resolution we have that we can make this a commitment with a time frame on it because one of the authorities of the Property Standards Committee has is that if

you don't do the work, we do it for you, and the bill goes on your tax bill," Roberts said.

Aurora said their eventual goal has always been to redevelop the property, but it is completely separate from the demolition.

He said one of their other sites had been fully demolished in a six month period.

Sign and Property Standards Committee member Glenn Scott said a longer period of time will need to be offered to the owners to allow for demolition.

"We're not going to be able to resolve anything today in my mind because we don't know what the building department's going to say ... I'm wondering when there's going to be a part two of this meeting," Scott said.

Stokes said hazards like PCBs and asbestos should be acknowledged beforehand so a professional demolition crew is prepared to deal with them.

Municipal Clerk Mallory Bishop said a decision needed to be made about the Property Standards Order to board openings regardless of demolition plans, and it can be modified at a later date if necessary.

Roberts said 30 days would likely not be a feasible timeline.

"This is a major commercial development, so I'm going to suggest 60 days to modify this order," Roberts said.

Stokes was concerned the new modification of the order did not include any information about plans to demolish.

Bishop revised the modification to read, "compliance must be met on Oct. 3, 2022, and further directs that another meeting will be convened as soon as demolition plans and schedules are available for review."

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Kegel purchases Barker Heating and Cooling

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

After 47 years of service to Haliburton County, Barker Heating and Cooling is closing its doors.

The long-time heating contractor sold their business to Kegel Heating and Cooling with the deal closing on Aug. 2.

Steve Barker, former owner and manager of Barker Heating and Cooling, decided to sell the business to prepare for retirement in the coming years.

"I'm quite happy to be getting out. I've done my time. It'll be nice to be here and still be working for a couple years minimum. I would like to thank all of my customers for their years of business and support and to let them know that Kegel's will take great care of them."

Barker will be staying on for the next two years, and three of his HVAC service staff are now Kegel employees.

Owner and president of Kegel Heating and Cooling, Tim Kegel, said, "I worked with Steve for four or five years about 20 years ago at Barker Heating and Cooling. We had a pretty close relationship. I wouldn't have wanted to buy any other business."

The decision to purchase Barker Heating and Cooling came from a need for skilled employees.

"The biggest factor in purchasing Barker's is that it's really hard to find trained people in the HVAC trade up here. I knew by taking Barker's over, I would get the skills from his experience and his workers' experience. You could get someone from the city who has 20 years of experience, but they could only have experience in one area of the services we offer," Kegel said.

Kegel also explained why Barker chose to approach him about the desire to sell.

"It's hard to sell a family-run company, especially up here, because nobody wants to buy since the owners usually wear 10 different hats. It's a really hard sell, so Steve approached me a while ago about it, and we made it work so that it would work for both of us."

Kegel has not purchased Barker's property, so the new



Tim Kegel, left, and Steve Barker inspect a propane tank at Kegel Heating and Cooling's new building. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

employees will work from Kegel's newly-built 12,000 square-foot building.

In their newly-built warehouse, Kegel Heating and Cooling has a board room to be able to bring in factory-authorized trainers to train rather than sending employees to the city.

"With having more employees, we can offer more training in-house. We also help pay to get some of the young guys' training that come here," he said.

Barker's late father, Don Barker, owned and operated their business from 1975 to 2000 when Steve took over as manager. In 2009, Steve bought the company from his parents.

"We're getting all of Steve's knowledge, and that compiled with our knowledge, we'll be the most experienced HVAC company in the Haliburton Highlands area. As the company grows, we'll be able to service customers

better with a larger employee base," Kegel said.

Another reason for expansion was the high demand of HVAC services that was influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There were a lot of people up here that were building during the pandemic. I think Muskoka is getting saturated, and it's just getting too expensive to buy property and build out there, so people are moving this way. Also, being able to work remotely, people are selling their places in the city and renovating places up here. Year after year we're growing, and every year is better than the last. The last two years have been the best two years ever," Kegel said.

"We'd like to thank the community supporting us to grow to the point where we can make a move like this and assure Barker customers that we will take as good a care of them as Steve," Kegel said.

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31 km to Apsley / 91 km to Peterborough

Smiling through showers at Homecoming

Ted Brandon, left, announces the winner of the 2022 Rotary Car Draw, Brian Holden from Bowmanville, during Rotary's Homecoming Festival on Wednesday, Aug. 4. Miss Teenage Haliburton County, Jocelyn Winter, drew the winning ticket accompanied by Haliburton Rotary president Ursula Devolin. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Sara Bandi tries her hand at the bean bag toss as part of the Amazing Rotary Race during the Rotary Homecoming Festival.



Iconic rock band, Crowbar, performed for a crowd, braving the rain, at the end of the night.



Mckenna Cook gets her face painted as a blue unicorn.



Musician Bianca Bernardi performs an original song accompanied by Crowbar to conclude the Rotary Homecoming Festival.



The rain didn't stop Joe Iles from beaming ear to ear.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Absence makes the value of engaging worth savouring

I HEARD SOMEWHERE grief is about having love you can't give anymore.

As I get older, the losses in my life have mounted, whether from time, circumstances or death. The difficult truth about life to accept is there are some people destined to be carried in the heart rather than to be seen to the sunset of one's life.

The pandemic has affected us in ways we won't know for years. There's been the lost lives. The lost time between loved ones. The lost opportunity for connection. The lost civility – facilitated (I believe) in large part by social media platform algorithms that feed into hate. No one really wants to hear the sad stories we all have. Close friends will be there and attempt to console, but some sadness doesn't have an answer. We all want to take the hurt away from those we care for and love. Sometimes all that we can do is sit with them and let them feel. The heartache. The deep-seeded pain that manifests itself while listening to a song, or see a scene from a movie when the heart strings are pulled, which are matched by the rising violins from a dramatic score. Loss is a part of the human experience. We may never be able to take away the sadness of loss. What we can do is embrace the time we have with loved ones. Those who are there for us even we believe they're an annoyance. Everybody shows and appreciates affection and care differently.

I know everybody carries grief. I know I'm not alone. It was clear in interviewing people for their perspective on the late-Chester Howse, who loved Haliburton and put forth effort to various community causes and organizations to back up his affection. You'll be hard-pressed to find someone who doesn't have a good thing to say about

him. I have meant to write this editorial and the article, Chester's legacy goes to the heart of those he met for some time, but I didn't have the emotional capacity to do it until now.

This year I've learned about taking stock, being grateful for those seemingly insignificant interactions.

Several weeks ago, I was walking from the post office in Haliburton I ran into Chester Howse as he left his vehicle. At the time, I didn't realize this brief interaction would be the last time I would see him alive. The specifics of our interaction aren't important. It was the feeling I received, which was like a warm hug. I couldn't even remember the last time I had seen him before that because of the pandemic. So, I was shocked when I learned about his death from a posted flyer of his funeral while standing at the Foodland in Haliburton. My mind immediately returned to the feeling he left me in front of the post office. An immense feeling of warmth. The way your face warms and your

eyes go wide. It reminded me how fleeting life can be and how important it is to value those who are in front of you, showing they care by saying, hi or listening to know how you're feeling and what you've been doing recently and not just hear for the sake of being polite.

I believe it's important to see what you have and appreciate it. We may never know when what we hold dear is until it's gone. Sometimes there aren't second chances.

Sometimes all we have left are memories. However brief they may be.

Good, bad and everything in-between. Make the time, see the value in the moments we have with people so when we see our sunset we can smile for what was instead of cry for what never came to be.



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Editorial



Summer sustenance

by Darren Lum

Living with the wild

BACK OFF – just back off! Waving her arms over her head, she yelled again, then slowly backed away. The bear moved its head back and forth as though trying to figure out what to do next. Dorothy continued to move back, eyes trained on the animal. Her brain was totally focused on what was happening. After an interminable few minutes, the big animal turned and walked back into the bush.

That's when Dorothy started shaking. She had never experienced such a close encounter and what might have happened filled her head with gruesome images. And then she woke up.

Scary dreams were unusual for Dorothy. Living as she did on the edge of Algonquin Park, she was used to seeing all types of creatures, big and small. The chorus of wolves out on the frozen lake, a moose suddenly appearing around the bend, families of deer, turkeys flapping up into the trees to say nothing of turtles in the pond, raccoons in the attic and porcupines by the shed.

It was another glorious dawn. The entire eastern sky was a soft coral, the tree tops catching the glow as light poured in between birch and pine. Despite their prevalence, Dorothy had never seen

a bear at close quarters. The nearest had been on a morning walk when she spied a yearling seated on the ground and looking confused as she made her way along the country road. Clapping her hands in warning, she watched it startle as though it hadn't seen her, then scamper to disappear into the undergrowth.

Wild and wonderful was how Dorothy viewed her living arrangement. Her house was small and simple, or "uncomplicated" as she liked to describe it. A woodstove in the winter, open windows in the summer and a screened porch for sitting with a good book: these were the comforts she valued. Wildlife viewing when she stepped outside was the icing on the cake. And depending on the season, what she saw changed, but only

slightly.

The birds, from Canada geese to humming birds, loons to chickadees, were abundant. Male mallards pursued attractive females who later showed up by Dorothy's dock with a flotilla of ducklings. A snowy owl once swooped down by her clothes line, and owls called from deep in the bush almost every night. One summer a curious young snapping turtle peered up at her from the water's edge as she was preparing for a paddle. As for bears, while not an encounter, she had witnessed a bear with a cub on its back and another swimming behind as they crossed the narrows one late spring morning.

Dorothy was glad she didn't live in town. Yes, it would be more sensible, more economical and convenient in

many ways. Stores and other amenities would not be so distant, especially in the winter. But she had no desire to deal with the traffic noise, summer hordes of people and light pollution cancelling her starry night sky.

It was shaping up to be a perfect weekend day. The birds were singing, the waves were lapping and the sun was already an orange ball rising higher above the tree line. Then sud-

denly she heard a sound that didn't fit. No chirping, whistling, yelping or humming. No quacking, calling or croaking. It was a bit of a roar that rose and fell as it increased in volume. And it was getting closer. Then she saw it. A jet ski came into view. At least that's what Dorothy thought they were called. The driver bounced up and down as the machine circled over its own wake. Repeatedly. The air was filled with the noise and the fumes. Dorothy imagined the turtles diving, birds waiting and other creatures big and small hiding as they waited for the monster to leave. But it continued, going round and round in the bay as its wake pummelled the shoreline. Dorothy gritted her teeth. This was the wild life they could all do without.

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points of view

A man and his zucchini

I THINK REGULAR readers of this column know that I am not the kind of person who blows his own horn. They also know that this is only because I do not have a horn to blow. Jenn took that away from me a long time ago because, like my harmonica, it was “annoying.”

Having said that, my social status changed last week, when Jenn and I visited our community garden plots. You see, while I was pretending to weed mine, I inadvertently moved a couple of big leaves aside. And there, sprawled out on the ground was a long green surprise.

You probably know what I’m referring to already. This is a small town. People talk.

So, I’ll just come out and confirm it. That’s right, it was a giant zucchini.

I know this has caused a bit of excitement in Haliburton County and probably no small amount of local pride either. I mean, big zucchinis don’t grow on trees.

But, despite all this, let me say emphatically, I am uncomfortable with the term “local hero.”

At best, I’m just an average guy who was lucky enough to be born in the right place at the right time. Sure, I had a date with destiny. But there’s no need to point at me and whisper as I walk down the street or honk your horns or catcall either. Deep down, I’m still the same guy I



steve
galea

Loon Tales

always was. I’m just like you. Except for the giant zucchini thing.

I will admit I am a little proud of this. I mean who wouldn’t be?

But is it any reason to give me a key to the town, create a scholarship in my name, or recommend me for a knighthood, as some of you have probably suggested? Hardly. It’s only a giant zucchini, after all. Get over it.

How big was it? Well, let’s just say I was considering turning it into a dug-out canoe for my dog. But I couldn’t bring myself to do it. A zucchini like that deserves better.

A lot of you are probably wondering what’s the secret to growing a huge zucchini. Well, you will have to buy my book for the full story.

But here’s a teaser. First, you plant a zucchini plant – or let your spouse do it. Then you water your zucchini plant – or let your spouse do it. Then you weed your zucchini plant – or let your spouse do it. And then you let the sun work its magic.

Of course, that kind of effort will only grow you normal sized zucchinis and disgruntled spouses.

If you want to grow giant zucchinis, you need to add negligence into the mix, which is where I shine.

That means when your spouse asks you to go pick that zucchini from the community garden on your way home, you forget to. Several times in a row.

Then one day, when she asks you to accompany her to the community garden just so you can see the hard work she put into your little patch, you pretend to weed, and then stumble upon a zucchini the size of a baseball bat.

And at that point, you have no choice but to pick it – unless you want to trailer it home next week.

And once home, you eat zucchini until you almost get sick of it.

It’s not nearly as glamorous as it sounds.

Feel free to ask me about it if we meet on the street. But, I warn you, don’t get me going about my carrots.



pic of the past

St. George’s Sunday School Picnic on Aug. 12, 1897. This picnic was an annual summer event, which gave the parishioners an opportunity to congregate for an informal gathering when compared to church on Sunday. The picnic lunch was blessed, the adults socialized, and the young ones participated in various childrens’ activities such as races and tag. The minister in 1897 would have been Reverend Frederick Shepherd, who served from 1896 to 1899. Presumably, Shepherd is far right wearing the tartan cassock. /Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum’s Stephen Hill.

letters to the editor

Respect for everyone wanted

To the Editor,

Members of Haliburton’s environmental community noted in letters to local media as early as July 21, that the shoreline preservation bylaw would be on the agenda for the Aug. 10 special meeting of council, with a vote expected.

It is concerning that this group has so much knowledge of the agenda, so far in advance of the meeting. In response to repeated requests to councillors and staff, the agenda was finally released to the public on the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 5.

This was almost three days earlier than council’s normal practice, which is to only make information available to the public 48 hours before meetings. With just two substantive issues on the table for this meeting, the agenda packet runs to 130 pages, so there’s a lot to read through.

Several times over the past year when important, complex and, at times, fairly technical issues such as the shoreline bylaw have been on the Haliburton County Council agenda, ratepayer groups and individuals have had to scramble to read the materials, analyze proposals and provide input to their councillors in less than two days.

Providing such limited notice is a head shaker, particularly when some groups seem to have preferred access to the agenda, and raises questions about transparency, whether taxpayers are being properly consulted and their input valued.

We call on Haliburton County officials to consistently communicate council’s business as transparently and with as much notice as possible to generate the highest quality input from all perspectives and all members of the community.

Whatever our views, everyone deserves equal access to relevant information and a fair opportunity to provide reasoned input on significant changes – whether broad-brush proposals or detailed elements.

One of Haliburton’s most distinctive and special features is our sense of community. We ask councillors and staff to facilitate and encourage fair and open discussion among all constituencies. Providing transparency would produce greater trust and confidence in the county’s governance and result in better public policy.

Tayce Wakefield
Little Kennisis Lake

Shoreline bylaw falls short

To the Editor,

At Haliburton County Council’s April 27 meeting, six of eight councillors indicated they’d prefer final consideration of the contentious shoreline preservation bylaw be deferred to the incoming post-election council (so that it could be discussed during the election).

However, there are indications that some councillors may try – yet again – to pass the bylaw at council’s Aug. 10 Special Meeting.

We urge this lame duck council (only half of whom are running again this October) to suspend significant policy decisions for the balance of their term and follow the April 27 council consensus that the shoreline issue be discussed in the upcoming municipal elections, and voted on by the next council.

Groups such as the Haliburton Waterfront Owners (www.haliburtonwaterfrontowners.ca), which represents over 500 waterfront property owners in the county have made numerous thoughtful submissions to council on this issue.

We continue to stress that the bylaw is ineffective. It will do nothing to restore the shoreline on

the one-third of Haliburton lakes that have been significantly deforested – often decades ago.

It does not address the single biggest risk to our water quality – poorly functioning septic systems. If county councillors were serious about improving water quality, they would implement rigorous septic inspection programs, such as the one Dysart introduced several years ago.

The bylaw also fails to address fertilizer use near the shoreline, which is another major risk to water quality.

Council can easily set additional shoreline limits on new lots. But rather than abrogating existing property rights without compensation, why not follow common practice and grandfather current legislation on existing properties.

If council is indeed voting on the bylaw as drafted, we hope that they will have the courage to democratically vote it down and allow the next council to include measures that would actually enhance our water quality.

Dave Bright
Haliburton Waterfront Owners
Haliburtonwaterfrontowners.ca

Fun day at the Regatta

A competitor in the T-shirt relay swim race takes a breath during the Kennisis Lake Regatta on Saturday, July 30 at the Kennisis Lake Marina. The all day event included children's activities, swimming races, log rolling and non-motorized watercraft races. /DARREN LUM Staff



Bre Budel gives four-year-old Wesley Whittaker a Spiderman face during the Kennisis Lake Regatta.



There was plenty to cheer for during the Kennisis Lake Regatta.



Brady MacDonald competes in the horseshoe competition.

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Dream drives parents to open dance studio

Skyline Dance Studio set to open doors in October

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The bonds created by a shared love of dance will remain strong in the Highlands thanks to the opening of Skyline Dance Studio.

The not-for-profit studio was dreamed about by the parents of Haliburton Dance Academy dancers after they learned of the closing of the studio.

"In May 2022, I found out my daughter's local dance studio was closing, and I said to my husband, I either need to buy a bus or open a dance studio here in Haliburton County. Either way, these kids needed to stay together. I instinctively knew I could lead a project such as this, and I knew there would be immense support to keep dance local. So far, the support has far exceeded my greatest hope," said executive director of Skyline Dance Studio Allison Cox.

The studio will be located at 229 Highland Street between Castle Antiques and Pet Value and will feature three large studios and other common spaces for dancers and their families to use.

Cox worked with the Haliburton County Development Corporation to decide what type of business the studio should be, and they decided on a not-for-profit organization.

"We want everything we pour into this studio to be reinvested in the studio, and we want to be sure this is a legacy that can be carried on for years to come," Cox said.



Skyline Dance Studio dancers performed on Highland Street at Midnight Madness on Friday, July 29. /DARREN LUM Staff

Sarah Garbutt is part of the board of women who organized the studio, and her daughter, Rayah, is a dancer.

"Rayah can't go one second without dancing, and she was thrilled when she was told about this plan. She even told me she was proud of me and the other moms," Garbutt said. "The studio

is where she feels safe, and she will go through public and high school and life changes with all of these kids, and they have a special bond."

The studio currently has a board of eight local women who bring a variety of experience to the table.

"Some own and run businesses, some

work in non-profits, some work for local businesses, and many have experience sitting on other not-for-profit boards in Haliburton County. It is a great blend of experience coming together with passion and dedication to accomplish this goal. Beyond this group, we have dozens of community members, individuals, and businesses that have offered support with time, money, and materials," Cox said.

The studio is developing portfolios of their dance teachers and will be announcing them in the next few weeks.

"We are doing this for our community and the families of Haliburton County. Dance is so important for kids. Not only is it good for physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being, but it also creates amazing friendships and instills a sense of community that will last a lifetime," Cox said.

The studio will offer ballet, pointe, jazz, hip-hop, acro, tap, musical theatre, lyrical, contemporary, and power and grace dance classes for ages two to 18 years old, and registration will open in August. Email info@skylinedancestudio.ca to be added to their list. Classes begin in October.

"The importance [of this studio] to me is knowing there is a place for my daughter and the other kids to dance. Thinking we may have had to go out of town was not an option. We have to teach our kids to also be involved within the community and go to events and teach them to be amazing humans," Garbutt said.



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Chester's legacy goes to the heart of those he met

DARREN LUM

Editor

In a world when losses seems to grow Chester Howse's passing is difficult to take, but it is not the last thing I will remember about him.

It's the big smile. It's his enthusiasm and ever-lasting joy. An interaction wouldn't happen without a bright and large smile and good-natured quip. You couldn't help but feel good after an interaction with him. He was authentic and genuine. He was a connector in the community, bringing causes to the forefront and uniting people.

When I started seeking comments several weeks ago for this story about him, I got the sense his death was still fresh and raw for people who knew Chester. His height in stature was equal to his place in the community and the causes he backed such as the refurbishment of the CF-100 fighter jet, efforts with the Haliburton Curling Club and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton.

Chester was 85. He died in his sleep on Thursday morning, June 30 and was the loving husband of Barbara Wood (nee Reid) and the late Shirley Howse (nee Bishop).

The retiree, who worked for De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited (now Longview Aviation Capital Corporation), has a legacy of community work, but he also left virtually everyone he engaged with a sense of warmth and joy. Most know the quote, often referenced, but difficult to live out: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel," American poet, Maya Angelou said. Chester embodied this better than most.

His one and only child, Heather Sferino wrote in an email she was "definitely a daddy's girl."

"Being an only child gave me lots of one on one time with both my dad and my mom, Shirley before she passed several years ago. Of course, when the one and only grandchild Adam came along he was the centre of my dad's attention. Adam could do no wrong, which was exactly what my dad always said about me," she wrote.

She said her father was a strong family man, and committed to the community, which included initiatives such as the poppy campaign and veterans. It's his love for the community she wants the public to remember.

"That would be his love for Haliburton, making a difference in that community and that when someone needed something done he would work like crazy to make sure it happened and his smile when he went through the community. His brother Claude described it best, 'walking down the main street with Chester was like walking with a celebrity, everyone knew his name and always yelled out to him on the street,'" she wrote.

This notoriety is something Barbara Wood, his widow wrote the *Echo* about, saying she had heard of him long



Chester Howse is a man that was a connector in the community. He died on June 30, but will not be forgotten.

before they ever met.

"I have lived in Haliburton since 1983 and although I had heard of the infamous Chester Howse [I] never got to meet him personally prior to 2018. In early 2018 I met Chester through events at the Haliburton Legion and later that year we developed a more personal relationship. In late 2019, we were married in St. Anthony of Padua Church right here in Haliburton. Our first Christmas together was spent in Brampton with Chester's daughter and her family. In January 2020 we travelled off to Florida for a two month "honeymoon." We arrived back in Haliburton one week before the COVID 19 lockdown. Needless to say our social life was put on hold. By now Chester had decided to step back from his public endeavours and pass the reins on to anyone that was willing to put in the time and effort that he had shown over the years. He said he had done his community time and now it was his time.

Although Chester was publicly contributing to the community, his personal life was very private. I heard a friend say 'everything with Chester is a big secret.' Sadly, little did we know his life was to be taken so quickly and our time together so short. I will remember Chester for his kindness and patience. As many have said, he was one of a kind and I have to agree with them. Rest in

peace Chester," Barbara said.

Past neighbour and one-time political opponent Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts respected Chester for his commitment to the community.

"He and his first wife, Shirley, moved from Percy Lake into our neighborhood. He was president of our property association for around 10 years. Once he was living in town he decided to run for Ward 1 in 2006 so he was my opponent. Early on in the campaign we shook hands and said good luck because we both liked and respected each other. I was able to get to know Chester socially over the years and he always had a smile, a hug and maybe even a joke for you. His contributions to the curling club, Legion, and our neighbourhood will always be remembered," she wrote. Mary Hillaby, past-president and long-time member of the Haliburton Curling Club, wrote, "Chester was a fun loving, well respected president and member of Haliburton Curling Club. He was instrumental in the addition to the club's building while being president and, as a result, there is a wood engraved sign above the bar affectionately named 'Chester's House.' He was smart, passionate and a great curler. Everyone loved Chester."

Chester's friend Bruce Martin acknowledges his friend's efforts, but also the fortitude to see things through to their completion.

"I first met Chester when he was a starter at Pinestone Golf Course in the late 70s. My wife and I got reacquainted with him in 1997 when we joined the Haliburton Curling Club where he was the president and remained so for 14 years. He then retired as president of the curling club and moved across the street to become the 1st vice-president of [the Royal Canadian Legion] Branch 129. He did a wonderful job in both of these capacities. I am sure Chester would like to be remembered for his excellent work at these two organizations. When Chester undertook a job he did not stop until it was completed extremely efficiently. I will remember Chester as a fun loving, hard working man who contributed a great deal to the Village of Haliburton," Bruce wrote.

Long-time Legion member, Ed Pickard said it was close to 40 years now since he met Chester.

"I first met Chester in the late 1980s when he had a cottage on Percy Lake and I was living on Redstone. We joined the curling club at about the same time, and over the years we had a team that travelled to various other rinks, such as Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Minden, and as far away as Huntsville and Guelph. As many people know, he was instrumental in having the lounge in the curling club enlarged, and spent many hours getting permits and contractors for that project. At that time I was quite involved with the Legion, and Chester came on to the executive. He had many connections in the aircraft industry, and mainly through his efforts, the CF-100 that was badly in need of repair, was completely repainted and refurbished. I spent many hours over the years enjoying the friendship of Chester and his family. He will be sorely missed. RIP Chester," Ed wrote.

Golfing buddy Dave Allen, Chester's friend for 20 years, provided an excerpt from the eulogy he gave for his friend, who he also curled with.

"As many of you know, Chester was past-president of the Haliburton Curling Club and was instrumental in expanding the club's facilities at the time. As a result of the expansion, an old tree had to be removed at the front entrance, and from the beautiful tree a plank was created aptly named Chester's House, which now overlooks the bar ... What a better place!?"

Allen added no matter if they won or lost at a league game or in a bonspiel, Chester "had a smile on his face."

He said the refurbishment for the CF-100 fighter jet, which is on the pedestal at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton, is because of Chester.

"Every time I go by the jet, I think of the guy who got it done!" he said.

Also, Chester helped with "bringing in much needed grant money and keeping the Legion going in those difficult days. There was no grass growing under his feet."

For all the places Allen went to golf with Chester, Gary Thorpe AKA "Thumper," Terry Gregorini and the late Al DeGrave in Ontario, as a result of buying golf passes from people who were CanoeFM Radiothon winners and didn't golf, the group appreciated golfing at the Pinestone since it was a lot closer to the Haliburton Legion's Clubroom for a post-golf social.

"Chester was the real deal, and they broke the mould after him. He was salt of the Earth and a proud Newfoundlander. We'll miss you Ches. Rest in peace," he said.



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Tour goers speak with artist Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon, at left, during the Tour De Forest Haliburton County Summer Studio Tour.



Tour goers speak with artist James A. Goodliff.







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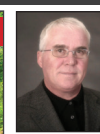
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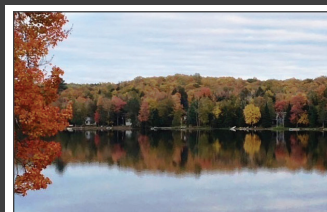
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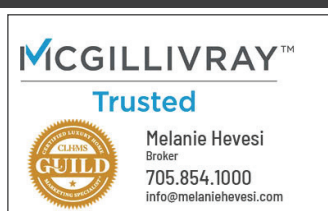
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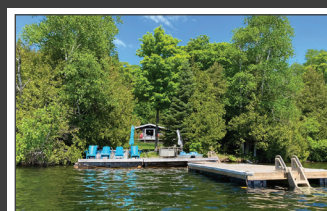
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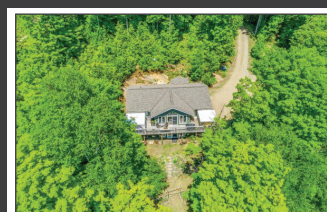
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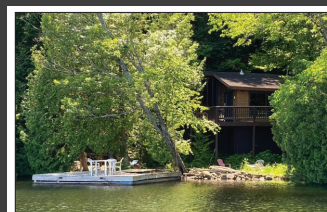
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• Secluded parcel with 130 FT of lake frontage
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- 1. Eurasian shrubs
 - 7. Strikes and rebounds
 - 13. Group of advisers
 - 14. Modern necessity
 - 16. Top lawyer in the land
 - 17. Philadelphia university
 - 19. Of I
 - 20. Functions as a laser
 - 22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy
 - 23. Famed island
 - 25. Parent-teacher groups
 - 26. Distributes
 - 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - 29. Ad __
 - 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
 - 31. Brother or sister
 - 33. A famous "Squad"
 - 34. Stage actor Anthony
 - 36. Violent seizure of property
 - 38. Saclike cavities
 - 40. Sound units
 - 41. Counts on
 - 43. Dad
 - 44. Woman (French)
 - 45. A digital tape recording of sound
 - 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
 - 48. Recipe measurement
 - 51. Requests out of dire need
 - 53. Precious stone weight unit
 - 55. The immaterial part of a person
 - 56. Anoint
 - 58. Golf score
 - 59. Supernatural
 - 60. Northwest Territories
 - 61. Can be made suitable
 - 64. A professor's helper
 - 65. Having a toothlike edge
 - 67. Got atop a horse
 - 69. Judged
 - 70. Static balance between opposing forces

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Flowing
 - 2. Computer department
 - 3. Lasts
 - 4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
 - 5. __ de sac
 - 6. Merchant
 - 7. Hosts film festival
 - 8. State of agitation of fuss
 - 9. A way to praise
 - 10. Opaque gems
 - 11. McKinley is one
 - 12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
 - 13. Famed designer Lauren
 - 15. Occupies
 - 18. Small island (British)
 - 21. Misuse of the sacred
 - 24. Covers with a thin sheet
 - 26. Most valuable player
 - 27. Title of respect
 - 30. Investigated discreetly
 - 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
 - 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
 - 37. Music genre
 - 38. Indicates one is in mourning
 - 39. Secured forever
 - 42. Bodily cavity
 - 43. A dog is one
 - 46. Chose to do something
 - 47. Annoy persistently
 - 49. Large hotel rooms
 - 50. Beg
 - 52. Docket
 - 54. Subway dwelling rodent
 - 55. Sources
 - 57. Mild Dutch cheese
 - 59. Spanish city
 - 62. Consumed
 - 63. Ballplayer's tool
 - 66. Midway between north and east
 - 68. Atomic #3

Answers on page 20

Miss Teenage Haliburton County finds courage by facing fears

Jocelyn Winter earns title at the Miss Teenage Canada pageant

GRACE OBORNE

Special to the Echo

Highlands teen Jocelyn Winter has seen her life change in the last two months since she's pushed past self-imposed boundaries.

On a whim, without hesitation, the 17-year-old decided that she would enter the Miss Teenage Canada pageant.

Having done nothing like this before, Jocelyn joined other teenage girls in the regional pageant event in Markham on June 11 and 12. She finished the pageant as a finalist and was officially crowned as Miss Teenage Haliburton County.

For Jocelyn, the decision to enter the pageant was instantaneous and unlike her.

"I've always been ... not much of a people person. I usually only have a small group of friends and I never put myself out there. I guess I was just ready to push myself out of my comfort zone and speak in front of people. I wanted to actually stand on a stage without freaking out and running off," Jocelyn said.

Jocelyn's father, Jarett Winter, was also pleasantly surprised to see how determined Jocelyn was to face her fear and try something new.

"She really came out of her comfort zone and just got right out there, and just stepped right [in]. I was like, 'wow.' I just couldn't believe it," Jarett said.

The regional pageant weekend was unfamiliar to Jocelyn. The sequence of events for a pageantry was a routine she never thought she'd witness and experience.

"It was hectic. Rehearsals started at nine in the morning and went the entire day. Just learning how to walk in heels, learning all the poses and just everything that you need to know in order to get up on the stage and not make a fool of yourself," Jocelyn said.

"After rehearsal, you sleep, then you go back at nine in the morning, again the next day to do more rehearsing before the night of the pageant. There are coaches, hair, makeup, and just a lot going on. Then, the pageant started at 7:30."

Pageant contestants were asked to have a platform. A platform in pageantry is how one can stand out from other contestants. In this case, Jocelyn and the other girls were not scored on their platform.

Jocelyn's platform is about bullying. It is important to her as it is something that hits rather close to home. She was the victim of bullying in school by three students last year.

"I ended up staying out of school for a few weeks because of that. I couldn't handle people staring at me or whispering about me. You know, most teenagers or even children go through [bullying] a lot, to the point where they end up taking their own lives because it gets so bad. And I don't like seeing that," Jocelyn said.

The bullying that Jocelyn endured is ultimately what inspired her to find the courage to try something new.

"I couldn't understand why it was her that had to go through it, but I guess these things happen. She dealt with it well and it's why she came out of our comfort zone," Jarett said.

Within the Miss Teenage Canada pageant, there were about 20 teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18. Then, there were also 30 Miss Worlds, which are adults ranging from the ages of 19 to



17 year old, Jocelyn Winter, took a giant leap right out of her comfort zone as she participated in the Miss Teenage Canada pageant. After only deciding one week before the pageant started to enter, Winter was crowned Miss Teenage Haliburton County. /Submitted.

mid-20s.

Jocelyn was proud to be named a finalist and crowned as Miss Teenage Haliburton County.

"I was not expecting that at all. I was so shocked and surprised. I almost ended up crying before I even stepped on the stage to get the crown, but it was just a very surprising moment. I never thought that I would be crowned to go to the national event, because I have never done this before," she said.

An opportunity like the pageant has opened doors to many other possibilities for Jocelyn. She is not only more confident, but she has also landed her first job opportunity.

"After this, I'm actually ready to talk to more people, and because of the pageant, I actually got a job at Somerset Lakeside Resort in Cardiff. I just clean hotel rooms, I serve guests and actually take their orders and talk to them too. I'm able to speak to people and not just cower away and run to a corner."

Jarett is excited for Jocelyn and expresses that pageants have benefits for young girls who want to begin exploring new opportunities in the workforce.

"This is good for teenage girls to get out there and to step right into the workforce, and to get you brought into life," he said.

Jocelyn will attend the Miss Teenage Canada week-long nationals from Aug. 15 to Aug. 20 in Toronto.

Jocelyn's advice for other young girls is they should find something that will push them but will also provide confidence and happiness.

"I would tell them to find something that they might be interested in. Even if it's something in front of a lot of people and they don't like speaking or standing on a stage. Just find something that's small, and just push through your fear. Because as soon as you do, you'll love doing what it is, all the worries and fears go away, and you just fall into the moment."

Drop off textiles for recycling at Dysart landfills

Do you have old clothing you don't need anymore? A single shoe you're not sure what to do with? Do you have old bedding or pillows you feel no one else would use again?

Along with donating gently used clothing to the Haliburton 4Cs Lily Ann Thrift Store and the SIRCH Community Services' Thrift Warehouse, residents of the Municipality of Dysart et al can now drop off textiles for recycling at Dysart's five waste disposal sites!

Dysart residents can drop off textiles including items you wear from "head to foot" such as clothes, including undergarments, socks, hats, scarves, ties, jackets, coats, belts, shoes – pairs or not, jewellery, purses, backpacks, bedding, blankets, curtains, fabric, pillows, sleeping bags, and towels.

Look for the purple textile recycling drop-off bins at the landfill locations in Haliburton, Harcourt, Kennis Lake, West Bay, and West Guilford.

While textiles should be clean, Dysart's textile recycling program will also accept torn, worn out, stained or scrap textiles. Please place textiles in clear bags to help keep materials dry. Only drop off bagged textiles during the landfill's regular operating hours. (Entering a site when it is closed is trespassing.)

Dysart's textile recycling program is delivered by Cornerstone to Recovery, a registered, charitable organization that supports people experiencing or impacted by addiction and mental illness. Cornerstone to Recovery is a member of National Association for Charitable Textile Recycling (NACTR).

"We opened our doors in 2004 with the intent to provide accessible, holistic and self-sustaining recovery programs in an environment where individuals and families could gain the tools and support needed to change their lives," said Patty Trudel, Cornerstone to Recovery's Director of Finance & Operations. "We offer a wide variety of programs that include subsidized residential and day programs, counselling, 12 step meetings, and more. Our programs are free or low-cost, with

a goal of making addiction recovery programs accessible, barrier free, community-based and sustainable. The proceeds received from our Textile Recycling Program have enabled Cornerstone to provide these much needed programs as we receive little to no government funding."

Cornerstone is partnered with Talize Inc., operating as Recycling Rewards, which is a for-profit duly licensed Canadian recycling company operating in Ontario.

"We have been around for 15 years setting the standard in recycling industry for the collection and recycling of clothing," said Shubham Sharma, Recycling Rewards' Business Development Representative. "We have well established virtual call centre, truck, and fleet services to provide excellent donation bin programs. We built, placed and maintain over 900 textile recycling bins across Ontario. We are proud to promote a greener Earth by providing quick and easy solution to textile recycling while supporting charities."

How are textiles recycled?

Recycling Rewards collects the textile materials dropped off at Dysart's waste disposal sites. Once collected, the textiles are delivered to a warehouse facility. During unloading, textiles are weighed on a certified scale. Textiles are then manually sorted into categories such as "below average," "average," and "above average."

Upon completion and periodic inspection of the sorted material, employees proceed to the baling and labelling of the product. Bales are loaded into containers and shipped locally, nationally and internationally, where requested.

While sorting, all unusable material is moved out to a "quarantine" area. The unusable items are shipped to a local grader, where they are shredded to be used as industrial cloth rags and wipes, and insulation and stuffing.

Of all the textiles processed by Recycling Rewards, 25 per cent to 30 per cent

are reused domestically including being sold in Talize stores, 55 to 70 per cent are reused internationally, 5 per cent to 10 per cent are used for other purposes (industrial cloth rags and wipes, and insulation and stuffing), and only 1 per cent of materials are disposed.

A local and global issue

In January 2022, Dysart conducted a waste composition study.

The study found textiles accounted for 1.63 per cent of Papers Recycling (incorrect stream), 0.37 per cent of Containers Recycling (incorrect stream), and 2.61 per cent of Garbage.

In Canada, the average person throws out 36.7 kilogram (81 pounds) of textiles annually, while North Americans send 10 million tonnes of clothing to landfill every year. With the advent of "fast fashion" in 2014, the average consumer purchased 60 per cent more clothing than in 2000, but only kept each item for half as long. By recycling textiles, you help protect the environment and extend the lifespans of our landfills. Visit www.dysart.ca/textiles, www.cornerstonetorecovery.com, or www.recyclingrewards.com for more information.

Submitted by John Watson



Collecting for community

Lions Club member Andy Chvedukas was part of the effort by the Haliburton and District Lions Club to raise \$6,682 during the Toll Bridge fundraiser on Saturday, July 30 on the bridge on Maple Avenue in Haliburton. The Lions use the money for various causes to support the community. /DARREN LUM Staff



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What:

- Individual, low impact, non-competitive games, such as: Bean Bag Toss, Fish Pond, Sidewalk Chalk Games, Mini Putt, Giant Pick Up Sticks and Ladder Toss and more!
- Free New Book for every child
- Balloons
- Guessing Games
- Photo Boards
- Story Reading at "The Story Tree"
- Free hot dogs, popcorn and juice boxes for all the children
- Participation by local community groups and organizations

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Form 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 31, 2022, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VYffgHoJRaCQEbyVz07Dow

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 20300 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0134 (LT); LT 108 PL 581; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000273, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 99-0000132, IF ENFORCEABLE; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-34

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,600

Minimum tender amount: \$5,917.70

2. Roll No. 46 24 013 000 10835 0000; Haliburton; PIN 39185-0154 (LT); PART LOT 12 CON 12 DYSART, PTS 1, 2 & 3 19R5618; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1 & 2 19R5618 IN FAVOUR OF PTS 4, 5 & 6 19R5618 AS IN H221596; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-07

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$34,000

Minimum tender amount: \$6,398.29

3. Roll No. 46 24 013 000 10900 0000; 12953 Highway 118, Haliburton; PIN 39185-0155 (LT); PART LOT 12 CON 12 DYSART AS IN H221596 EXCEPT PTS 1 TO 6 19R5618 & EXCEPT PT 1 19R7027; SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PT 7 19R5618 AS IN H221596; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-08

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$336,000

Minimum tender amount: \$35,370.63

4. Roll No. 46 24 010 000 15700 0000; Haliburton; PIN 39169-0217 (LT); PT LT 21-22 CON 2 DYSART AS IN H71896 T/W & S/T H71896; DYSART ET AL; File No. 21-01

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$140,000

Minimum tender amount: \$8,403.65

5. Roll No. 46 24 020 000 36700 0000; 1867 Trapper's Trail Rd., Haliburton; PIN 39266-0149 (LT); LT 51 PL 484; DYSART ET AL; File No. 21-09

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$304,000

Minimum tender amount: \$14,496.39

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, any environmental contamination concerns or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form, contact:

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Climate Tip of the Week:

Although fireworks are beautiful to watch, they come with an environmental cost. A toxic chemical called perchlorate, which creates the explosive charge that launches the fireworks, rains back down to contaminate soil and water according to Gwen O'Sullivan, Mount Royal University.

Traditional fireworks also contain copper and lithium, which create the blue and red colours we see in the sky. But these metallic compounds also return to earth and can be carcinogenic or toxic.

The explosive noise causes anxiety in birds and animals, disorienting them, leading to collisions with windows or vehicles and abandoning of nests according to Melanie Whalen, Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

Fireworks in Banff have been replaced with low-altitude, low-noise, special effects pyrotechnic displays. The decision was made after concerns were raised about the noise affecting animals including nesting birds and elks during fall mating season. Vancouver has also banned the use of fireworks as of 2020 and the Town of Caledon prohibited the use of fireworks for personal use in 2022. There are other ways to celebrate. Give nature (and pets) a break.



Submitted by Susan Hay

After years of firework displays for special dates such as Canada Day, there is a move away from the colourful, but harmful showcases. /FILE



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As this is written, our hearts are heavy with such tremendous grief at the loss of Lucas (Luke) Joseph Grant Mayhew, our son, fiance, brother and step-dad. He was 17 days shy of his 32nd birthday and Luke's death on July 2nd was unexpected and tragic. His future lay before him and he was so very excited to tackle it head on. He was working so hard towards that future with his planned marriage to Virginia in October, fixing up their home, enjoying his relationship with Tegan and hanging out with his family (the Mayhew Clan). We were truly enjoying the best family time of our lives and were so unprepared for his passing. It is truly possible to continue to breathe with a broken heart and to go through the motions of living without actually functioning at all. None of us will ever get over the loss we have endured but, with God's grace, time, and the support and love of those that care about us, we will continue on, accepting our new normal and learning to smile again. It's what Luke would have wanted for us.

The gratitude we feel towards those who supported us knows no bounds. How do we thank people for what they have done to ease our burdens spiritually, emotionally, mentally and financially? How do we say how much it has all meant to us? Even if you are not named here specifically, you are in our minds and please know your impact was significant and so very appreciated.

The private messages, emails, texts, cards, phone calls and visits to us separately or as a family helped carry us forward during the worst. The ongoing support since has let us know you are still there waiting for us to be ready to rejoin the world. Thank you so much for your love and patience as we traverse this. Grief hits everyone differently. Thank you for understanding that a month later, we are still not "ok" but we are trying.

To the first responders, paramedics, doctors, nurses and the Haliburton Community Funeral home. We know that many of you knew Luke personally and this must have been very hard for you. We will be forever grateful for your efforts and then for your compassionate dealings with Virginia and the Mayhew Clan afterwards.

To our family, friends, co-workers and church families who sent flowers to us or the funeral home and/or for "planting of trees" in Luke's name, we were once again overwhelmed by the beauty of your compassion, love and gifts. Luke had been developing a love for flowers and gardening and he would have appreciated the beauty that surrounded his send off and left his loved ones such solace.

The food-the first week food just appeared and it sustained us both emotionally and physically. Thank you everyone for your thoughtfulness and kindness in preparing and delivering meals, baked goods, veggie and fruit trays and more. So many acts of kindness.

To the grief support system that rushed to support us and make room in already overcrowded schedules. This type of trauma and loss can affect you in ways you never dreamed possible, potentially manifesting in emotional, mental, spiritual and physical issues. We praise and thank the many professionals who have met and continue to support each of us at the level we need. We are learning that this is a process that didn't just end after the funeral and your continued care is so appreciated.

The co-workers and customers of each of us who have come out big. Again, how do we say thank you? Just know we are so grateful for each and every act of kindness, compassion, support and patience as we traverse this journey.

We don't even know how to talk about the unbelievable financial support that we have received from family and friends both privately and through GoFundMe. Bless you Robyn Shaw for the GoFundMe that was supported by almost 150 donations from family, friends, co-workers-we are so overwhelmed. With Luke not having life insurance the funds we have received have alleviated tremendous pressure at this horrible time which has allowed us to give him an appropriate send off as well as a memorial at the Evergreen Cemetery. Again, our gratitude is so huge for each and every gift we received. One person said, "It's just money..." but it was so, so much more. We recognize that for some, financial gifts mean going without in your own life. Thank you and God Bless each of you.

Mostly we give thanks to God for His grace. His word does not promise clear sailing through this life on earth but does promise He will be there through the good and the bad and He has been. To the prayer warriors who prayed for that grace and have lifted us and held us up when it felt like we couldn't go on by ourselves, thank you.

Thank you... each and every person who reached out in so many ways! There is always a silver lining... it was you.

*Tim and Jackie Mayhew, Virginia and Tegan Wood, Josh, Leeanna, Iva & Mya Mayhew,
Jillian and Justin Mayhew- Leavitt.*

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Funeral Service for Marion Sedgwick Aug. 10, 1929 – April 13, 2020

A funeral service for Anna Marion Sedgwick of Gelert will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, at Lochlin United Church. A graveside committal service at Gelert Cemetery will follow. For the safety of all amid the ongoing pandemic, masks must be worn during the indoor portion of the service. Funeral arrangements are in care of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home of Minden. For those who may wish to make a gift in Marion's memory, a donation to Lochlin United Church would be appreciated by her family.



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In Loving Memory of
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Beloved wife of the late Leland. Dear mother of Lyle and his wife Judy, and Faye. Loving grandma to Kim (John), Jodi (Steve), Kirk (Dayle), Chad (deceased) and great grandma to Tanner, Curtis, Nichole, Brenden, and Emma. Dear sister of Violet Packard and predeceased by her brothers and sister. Fondly remembered by Darlene Madill and by her many nieces and nephews.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton, Ontario on Monday, August 8, 2022.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of
Skoblikowskyj, Joanne

October 5th 1947 to July 28th 2022

Predeceased by her husband Serge, Also sadly missed by her grieving family her son Frank Teatro (Michelle). Also sadly missed by her Grandchildren David Swayze (Kim) and Theresa Teatro. Fondly remembered by her Great grandchildren Conner, Nathaniel, Izzy and Grayson.

Predeceased by her Parents Ben and Therm Varty. Survived by sister Gwen Sutton (deceased Gordon Sutton Brother in-law) Niece Cindy Sutton. Also survived by her Brother Marvin Varty (deceased Lorraine Varty sister in-law). Also fondly remembered by her Nephew Mike (Kim) and Niece Tonia Van Hattum (Louis). Also survived by her Brother Dan Varty (Myrna Varty), fondly remembered by her niece Linda Vaughan and nephew Ben Varty. Predeceased by her In-laws Boris and Luba Skoblikowskyj. Cherished memories from her Brother in-law Walt Skoblikowskyj, Predeceased by brother-in-law Boris Skoblikowskyj Jr. Forever remembered by friend Barry Comrie.

Cremation has taken place and interment of ashes will be held at the Memory Gardens Cemetery.

A celebration of Life will be held on September 24, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Memory Gardens Funeral Home 2723 Victoria ST. N. Breslau 519 904 0400

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In Loving Memory of
John Andrew Crawford Kernohan

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Passed away peacefully in his 95th year at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, July 30, 2022, with his loving family by his side.

Beloved husband and best friend of Vera (nee McKnight) for over 73 Years, true love never fails. Dear father of Shannon (Ron) Newbatt and Bryan (Georgina) Kernohan. Loving pop and grandpa of Kelsey and Steve Noseworthy, Erin and Aaron Berning, Ryan and Tanya Newbatt, James Kernohan, and Meghan Kernohan. Great grandfather or GP, as they lovingly called him, of Benjamin Strudwick, Elijah Newbatt and Grayson Newbatt. Son of the late Andrew and Letitia Kernohan. Dear brother of the late Jennie McLennan and survived by sister-in-laws Ruth Stamp, Linda Kellett and by brother-in-law Bradley McKnight (Shirley). Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Interment Service to Celebrate John's Life will be held at the Minden Cemetery, 200 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 12:00 o'clock noon. A reception will follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF - Minden Site) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of
Edward Charles Hill, QC "Ted"
1931 - 2022

With a sense of relief that his pain has ended, the family of Ted announce his passing on August 4 at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. Ted Hill, in his 91st year, had recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his beloved wife Mary, along with family and friends at their home on Pigeon Lake outside of Bobcaygeon. In addition to Mary, Ted is survived by his three children and their families: Cathy Puffer (Mike) of Lindsay, Ted Hill (Nancy Burnham) of Ohio and Doug Hill (Nancy Risebrough) of Toronto.

Proud Papa to James and Marin Puffer, Sarah, Nathan and Ryan (Nancy Spencer) and Malcolm Hill. Brother of Sally Jones (Ron) of Oakville and the late Nancy Hill, and brother-in-law to Alan Lanktree (the late Maxine) of Orangeville. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews.

Ted was the son of Edward and Helen Hill of Toronto. Following graduation from Osgoode Hall Law School law school, he established a successful and longstanding legal practice in Lindsay in 1959. He and Mary raised their family in Lindsay and were active in the community throughout their years, as well as enjoying as much time as possible at their second home on Pigeon Lake. A generous and supportive member of the community, Ted served as a volunteer with numerous organizations throughout his life, including the Academy Theatre, Fleming College Board of Governors, the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, Children's Aid Society and Kawartha Region Conservation Authority. A lover of nature and the outdoors, he spent many happy years hunting, sailing, fishing, golfing, gardening, painting and travelling far and wide with Mary and friends. A celebration of Ted's life will take place at Cambridge Street United Church, Lindsay on Tuesday August 9 visitation to begin at 12:30 until time of the service at 2:00pm. A private burial will be held at Verulam Cemetery, Bobcaygeon. To honour Ted's memory, donations can be directed to the Kawartha Land Trust or the Fleming College Student Bursary Program.

Ted's family members wish to express their deep gratitude to Dr. Graham Loeb and Sherry Giltenan, as well as all medical staff and organizations that provided wonderful care for many years.

INSIDE THE ECHO



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one week summer ritual, see page 9



The School of Fine Arts had a smash hit on its hands last week when John and Debra Phillips arrived to teach willow furniture making. For details, please see page 18.



Krista Mitchell and Philip Johnston have a lot of talking to do—she's just about to go to Germany as the Rotary Exchange student and he's just returned from Finland. The profiles start page 20.



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School board trustee figures won't change

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The number of trustees serving on the Haliburton Board of Education will not change despite the new formula used in the calculation of representation.

The new law, introduced by the Ontario Ministry of Education, is designed to re-calculate the number of trustees sitting on each board according to the permanent population of the area the board serves. Prior to Bill C-125 the number of trustees was based on assessment of property.

There are 14 trustees, plus one representing the separate school, presently sitting on the Haliburton Board of Education. Under the new bill, Haliburton's population of 11,945 puts the base number of trustees at 12. The board had the option to increase or decrease that base number by one or two trustees and

last Thursday they voted to add two to the base number, which, in effect, means the number of trustees will remain unchanged under the new system.

There were two reasons why the board decided to leave the number of trustees unchanged according to Director of Education, Stuart Baker.

If the number of trustees were reduced, more of the smaller municipalities would have to share trustees. At present only Bicroft and Cardiff have to share a trustee, and if the number of trustees were reduced, more townships would have to share. Baker says the board wants to maintain as much one-to-one representation as possible.

If the number of trustees were reduced it would also increase the work load generated by committees and fewer members would have to spend more hours to do the same amount of work. Baker says the work load has increased as it is over

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Lack of air conditioning slows Haliburton Hospital expansion

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

Construction on the addition to the Haliburton Hospital won't begin at least until next spring because the Ministry of Health is demanding the installation of central air conditioning.

It's going to take three months to re-draw the working drawings of the addition to allow for necessary duct work needed for central air. Originally it was hoped to go to tender in September.

Leo Doiron, executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital, said the hospital had submitted the drawings to the Ministry and were in the process of answering detailed questions

about the plans when they were informed that the new addition had to be equipped with air conditioning.

Central air was not provided for because it was felt given the design of the addition, air conditioning would not be necessary.

The cost increases due to the changes won't be known until the new plans are drawn. The Ministry has said it will pay two-thirds of the increase, but Doiron feels given the circumstances, the MOH should have to pay 100 per cent of the additional cost.

Doiron wants the people of Haliburton County to know why construction of the addition has been delayed and feels the board has "an obligation to keep the people advised."



Strummin' on the old banjo...and the auto harp

More than 5,000 people packed into Glebe Park this weekend for the Haliburton Legion Bluegrass Festival. For more pictures and story, see our Second Section

Business centre gets grant for upcoming year

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has received \$482,300, and praise for its work, from the federal government.

The announcement was made on Monday by the MP for Victoria-Haliburton, Bill Scott, during a visit to the offices of the HCDC in Haliburton.

The HCDC was set up by the federal government to aid in commercial and industrial development in the county. The corporation has been structured to assist the needs of small businesses with regards to financing, counselling and information services.

This is the start of the third year of the corporation's five year mandate. Over the course of the five years the corporation will be able to loan a total of \$1.5 million to small businesses. After the five year period has expired the government will stop funding the corporation and the HCDC will use the revenue generated by the interest on the loans to become self-sufficient.

Last year the HCDC invested \$353,400 in local business which created 25 full-time jobs, three part-time jobs and four seasonal jobs. Manufacturing and tourism are the industries that received the most funding from the corporation.

HCDC Program Consultant Tom Cookson credited the efforts of Corporation Chairman Andy Campbell and the staff at the HCDC with the success of the program.

The corporation is administered by a volunteer board of directors and Cookson praised the individuals who donate their time to the HCDC and whose "experience and expertise are invaluable in obtaining the corporation's economic goals."

Scott said society today couldn't operate without the work of volunteers. He praised the HCDC for its efforts to date and urged them to continue to create long term employment for residents of Haliburton County.

Another heat wave rolls in

by JAY KERR-WILSON
Staff Reporter

It's not the heat, it's the humidity.

August was ushered in with the latest and most oppressive heat wave this summer. The day time highs for the first week of August were never below 34 degrees Celsius according to Minden's weather watcher, Phil Graham.

But the Humidex for the same period was well into the 40's. The Humidex is a summer version of

the wind chill factor. In the winter wind makes the air feel colder than it is and in the summer the humidity makes the air feel warmer than it is. So although the thermometer was reading 34 it felt like 44.

The body's natural defense against heat is to perspire. As the perspiration dries it cools the surface of our skin. But in extremely humid weather the air is so damp that our perspiration doesn't evaporate and our built-in air conditioners shut down.

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Health care: It's not as free as you might think

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

IT ALL SEEMS SO... FREE. You walk into the doctor's office, you walk out an hour later, perhaps not cured but not any poorer either. Need a new heart? You'll get one as soon as it's found. Never mind that each day you spend in Intensive Care following the operation will cost the province \$1,200—that's nothing to you. What about blood tests, brain scans, physiotherapy, corrective surgery or the latest in technological wizardry? Your only cost is the time you spend waiting for treatment. For \$360 a year in Ontario Health Insurance Plan premiums, it doesn't seem like such a bad deal.

But of all the things in the world which one can get for free, health care isn't one of them—it just seems that way because we never have to see the bill.

Just consider these figures for a moment: In the next year, the province of Ontario will devote one-third of its budget to health care. In dollar terms, this means \$12.7-billion or \$1,600 for every man, woman and child in the province.

Ten years ago, the pricetag was \$3.68-billion and only half of the increase has been swallowed up by inflation.

Only \$1.738 billion of this will come from OHIP premiums, yet at the same time, OHIP will be billed for \$3.2-billion's worth of services. That's a 15.5 per cent increase every year since 1981.

All those high-tech treatments you're hoping will solve your problems will cost the province \$5.491-billion. And if a hospital decides that a new cardio-vascular surgeon is needed to provide that life-saving treatment, it will cost \$1-million a year just to provide the back up services, over and above the surgeon's wages.

The province is being asked to approve capital projects, of which Haliburton's Continuing Care Unit is one, totalling \$254-million. In 1976, it was being asked to approve \$96.5-Million worth of capital spending.

A bitter pill

In short, "free" health care is turning out to be a bitter pill for the government to swallow. And

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There's one thing you'd never be able to put a price on at the Haliburton Hospital: The personal and caring attention. Here RNA Deborah Bain helps patient May Roberts



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- Her life goal is to be a "46'er" (climbing all 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks. She's climbed 5 so far!).
- Nicole has a life-long love of puppets. For years she volunteered puppeteering in elementary schools teaching kids about social issues such as bullying.



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